और विभागों में राजभाषा हिन्दी संबंधी आदेशों एवं अनुदेशों के अनुपालन पर नजर रखता है। इस स्कंध के अधिकारियों की वर्तमान संख्या पर्याप्त नहीं है। दिल्ली में इसमें एक तकनीकी कक्ष और बढ़ाया गया है तथा बम्बई में निरीक्षण स्कंध का सृजन किया जा रहा है।

(ख) मद (क) के उत्तर में जैसा कि बताया गया है कार्यान्वयन स्कंध द्वारा और अधिक निरीक्षण सुनिश्चित करने के लिये अतिरिक्त स्टाफ की व्यवस्था की जा रही है। मंत्रालयों/विभागों के अधिकारियों के अलावा राजभाषा विभाग के अन्य अधिकारियों से भी निरीक्षण करने की अपेक्षा की जाती है। इस प्रकार उप सचिव का कार्यभार हल्का हो जाता है।

(ग) राजभाषा विभाग द्वारा किये जा रहे निरीक्षणों की संख्या प्रतिवर्ष बढ़ रही है। 1982 में 172 निरीक्षण किये गये जबकि 1983 में इन निरीक्षणों की संख्या 228 तक पहुंच गई थी।

Production of Steel in the country

1106. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any gap between the production and requriement of steel in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the stock of steel in piling up; and

(d) if so, what is the need for importing steel under these circumstances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a), (b) and(d) As against an estimated demand in 1984-85 of about 9 million tonnes of finished carbon steel, domestic production is estimated at 8.8 million tonnes. Shortfalls are expected in certain categories but there will be surpluses in certain other categories. Canalised imports of finished Carbon steel to cover the shortfall between domestic demand and supply of certain items are expected to be approximately 0.5 million tonnes. Exports of items in excess of domestic demand are estimatd *to* be approximately 0.26 million tonnes. Contracts have been already signed for export shipment during 1984-85 for 0.18 million tonnes of finished carbon steel.

(c) No Sir. On the eontrary, stocks in domestic sales stockyards have declined from 0.7 million tonnes on April 1, 1984 to 0.65 million tonnes on July 1, 1984.

Impact of tbe price hike in steel on the States

1107. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state;

(a) whether the recent price hike of steel by the Central Government is likely to affect adversely the industrial growth of the States;

(b) whether the Central Government had consulted the States before raising the steel prices; and

(c) if so, when did such ronsultations took place?

THE MTNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE); (a) Increase in the price of iron and. steel was announced by the Joint Plant Committee of main producers. In this matter, the Joint Plant Committee takes into account the cost of production, domestic demand and supply, open market prices, the need to raise funds to assist the exporters of engineering goods as well as related issues including the impact of prices of iron and steel on the economy. The effect of the increase in the price of iron and steel on the economy is expected to be marginal.

Mini steel plants and rerollers fix the prices of their products themselves.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. There is no statutory control on the price of iron and steel.